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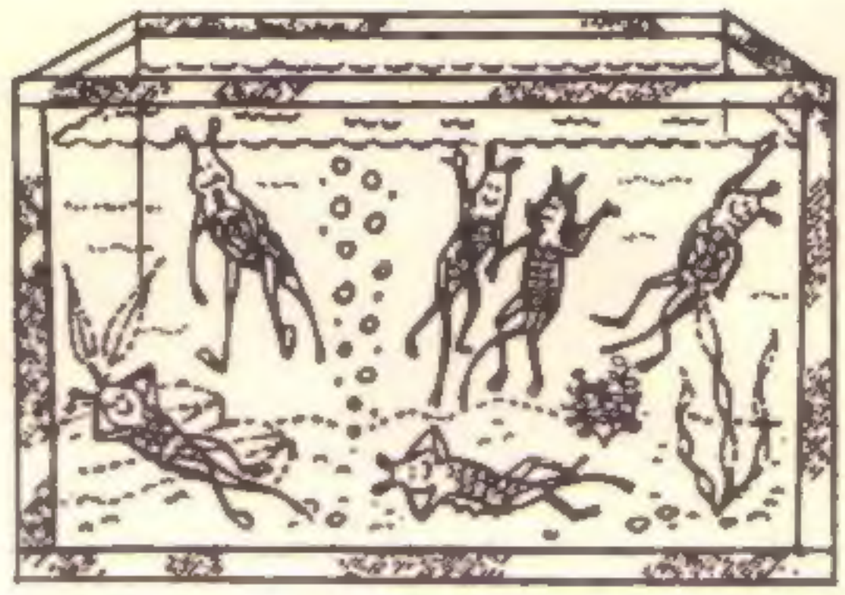

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SUPERGIRL

REMOVE HER SUPER-POWERS, TOPAR!... SUPERGIRL DOESN'T DESERVE THEM! HER BUNGLING ALMOST KILLED ME!

HE'S...SOB!... RIGHT! ALL MY RECENT SUPER-FEATS HAVE DONE MORE HARM THAN GOOD!

WHAT'S THIS? SUPERMAN TURNING AGAINST HIS COUSIN AND PARTNER, SUPERGIRL? WHAT HAS SHE DONE TO GET HIM SO FURIOUS? AND WHO IS THE MYSTERIOUS TOPAR? WHAT PART DOES HE PLAY IN THIS PLOT? SEE IF YOU CAN FIGURE OUT WHAT FACE HIDES BEHIND THAT EERIE GLOW... AND TOPAR'S CONNECTION WITH...

The SUPER-TEAM'S SPLIT-UP!

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DAWN FILTERS OVER THE HORIZON AS TWIN STREAKS OF RED AND BLUE SHOOT ACROSS THE SKY...

THAT'S **STANHOPE COLLEGE** DOWN BELOW... SO I'LL BE LEAVING NOW, **SUPERMAN!**

HE'S NOT SAYING A WORD!

I GUESS **SUPERMAN** IS STILL MIFFED AT ME FOR THE GOOF I PULLED ON OUR MISSION! AND I CAN'T BLAME HIM!

BUT IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CAMPUS, WHILE **SUPERGIRL** RESUMES HER IDENTITY OF LINDA DANVERS, A STRANGELY GARBED YOUNG MAN HAS JUST BURIED SOME OBJECTS...

I FINISHED LAYING OUT MY LITTLE **SURPRISE** FOR EVERYONE JUST IN TIME! IN A FEW MINUTES, THE STUDENTS WILL BE OUT ON THEIR WAY TO MORNING CLASSES!

NOW TO DUCK OUT OF SIGHT! I'LL BE BACK HERE AT **NOON**, THOUGH -- TO WATCH THE **FUN!**

LATER THAT MORNING...

... AND NEXT WEEK, I BEGIN ANOTHER CASE STUDY FOR MY HUMAN RELATIONS CLASS! BUT **THIS** WEEK, I PLAN TO SEE MORE OF **YOU,** LINDA!

NO ARGUMENT THERE!

NICK GRAY IS THE **MOST...** HANDSOME, CHARMING, BRILLIANT... AND HE LIKES **ME!**

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL OVER THERE?

I ALMOST FORGOT! **CONGRESSMAN WILLIAM FORBES** IS GIVING A TALK TODAY ON THE COLLEGE GREEN!

LET'S HEAR WHAT HE'S GOT TO SAY!

SUITS ME!

BUT THE NEXT INSTANT...

HEY! WHAT GIVES?

IS THIS A GREEN OR A **LAUNCHING PAD?**

NOW WHAT?

BALLOONS-- COMING OUT OF THE NOSE-CONES!

RED REBEL

GET A LOAD OF WHAT THEY'RE SPELLING OUT!

THE *RED REBEL!* THAT KOOK SET THIS UP! WOW!

THE *RED REBEL*--THE COSTUMED TROUBLE-MAKER WHO CLAIMS HE'S A STUDENT HERE... BUT NO ONE CAN PINPOINT HIS IDENTITY! HE'S ALWAYS OUT TO GRAB THE SPOTLIGHT!

AND AS THE *GIRL OF STEEL* SECRETLY PUTS ONE OF HER POWERS TO GOOD USE...

POP! POP!

I WISH I COULD PUNCTURE HIS **EGO** AS EASILY AS MY HEAT VISION PUNCTURES HIS *BALLOONS!*

HOLY MACKEREL! THE BALLOONS ARE *BURSTING!*

SOME SCHOOLS HAVE RIOTS... WE HAVE THE *RED REB!* I DON'T KNOW *WHICH* IS WORSE!

LET'S HOPE *SUPERGIRL* CAN TRACK DOWN THAT CLOWN AND PUT AN END TO HIS HI-JINKS!

LATER, AFTER LINDA HAS ONCE AGAIN ASSUMED HER COLORFUL ALTER-EGO, SHE GOES TO GET HER STAND-IN FOR HER CO-ED IDENTITY, BUT...

GREAT KRYPTON! MY LINDA ROBOT ISN'T IN THE SECRET COMPARTMENT IN THIS HOLLOW TREE!

THAT COULD MEAN BIG TROUBLE... SOMEONE MAY HAVE DISCOVERED MY SECRET IDENTITY!

TRACKING IT DOWN WILL BE NO PROBLEM FOR ME! I EQUIPPED ALL MY ROBOTS WITH **HOMING DEVICES**, EACH ATTUNED TO A DIFFERENT ULTRASONIC FREQUENCY!

IN FACT, MY **SUPER-HEARING** SHOWS THE ROBOT IS ONLY A FEW HUNDRED YARDS FROM HERE!

A FRACTION OF A SECOND LATER...

ROBOT Y-5! WHY DID YOU LEAVE YOUR COMPARTMENT? I DIDN'T GIVE YOU ANY INSTRUCTIONS!

I AM SORRY, MISTRESS! AN **UNKNOWN FORCE** TOOK CONTROL OF MY CIRCUITS!

AND JUST **WHAT** COULD HAVE DONE THAT, Y-5? ONLY MY VOICE OR MY X-RAY VISION CAN ACTIVATE YOU, SO...

NEVERTHELESS, **I** DID IT! **ANYTHING** IS POSSIBLE... FOR **ME!**

WHO--**WHAT** ARE YOU?

YOU MAY CALL ME **TOPAR!**

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR FACE... WHY... I CAN'T PENETRATE THAT RADIANCE... EVEN WITH MY SUPER-VISION!

OF COURSE NOT! A MERE GIRL HAS NO BUSINESS WITH SUPER-POWERS, ANYWAY! I CAN REMOVE THEM... **PERMANENTLY!** AND I WILL... WHENEVER YOU WANT TO GET RID OF THEM!

WELL, DON'T HOLD YOUR BREATH, BUSTER! I'M **STAYING** SUPER... SO PLAY YOUR STUPID TRICKS SOMEWHERE ELSE!

YOU SEEM TO DOUBT MY POWER! VERY WELL... LOOK AT THE GROUND UNDER YOUR FEET...

...AND YOU'LL FIND I HAVE NOW *REMOVED* IT!

GREAT NEBULAE! WE'RE FALLING IN A HUGE *CRATER!*

A MOMENT LATER, AS SUPERGIRL CARRIES HER NON-SUPER ROBOT BACK TO THE SURFACE...

NOT BAD! HOW DID YOU PULL THAT STUNT?

THE SAME WAY I TOOK CONTROL OF YOUR ROBOT! BUT I'LL NEVER LET YOU FIND OUT THE *SECRET* OF MY POWER!

AS I SAID BEFORE, YOU'RE A MERE *GIRL!* AND *NO* FEMALE IS FIT TO USE SUPER-POWERS WISELY! YOU'LL MAKE *LOTS* OF MISTAKES!

SOON, YOU'LL *BEG* ME TO REMOVE YOUR POWERS!

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PART II

LISTEN, BUSTER... I'VE BEEN DOING MY *SUPER-GIRL* THING FOR *YEARS*... AND I'VE DONE OKAY! ASK ALL THE CROOKS I'VE JAILED!

I CAN SEE TALKING TO YOU IS USELESS NOW... BUT YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR TUNE!

SUDDENLY, INEXPLICABLY, THE SHIMMERING FORM VANISHES...

A FEW DAYS FROM NOW, YOU'LL REALIZE YOUR POWERS ARE A *CURSE!* YOU'LL WANT TO GET RID OF THEM!

HE'S GONE! AND UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN, THAT WAS A THREAT!

THE NEXT DAY, AT THE OBSERVATORY ON THE CAMPUS GROUNDS...

LOOK AT THE SCREEN, STUDENTS... IT RELAYS WHAT OUR TELESCOPE PICKS UP! SEE? A SWARM OF METEORS IS ENTERING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE DIRECTLY ABOVE US!

THERE'S NO DANGER, THOUGH! THEY'LL BURN UP FROM AIR-FRICTION IN A FEW MOMENTS!

LOOK, PROFESSOR! THE FRICTION SHOULD BE GETTING TO THEM NOW--BUT THEY AREN'T BURNING!

TRUE! UNAFFECTED BY FRICTION, THE METEORS HURTLE STRAIGHT DOWN TOWARD STANHOPE...

THEY MUST BE COMPOSED OF AN ELEMENT THAT *DOESN'T BURN!* THEY'LL CRASH SOMEWHERE IN THIS AREA! MANY PEOPLE MAY BE KILLED, BUT THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO!

THE ASTRONOMY LECTURE IS ENDED... AND SEVERAL **LIVES** MAY END, TOO, UNLESS **SUPERGIRL** GOES INTO ACTION... BUT **FAST!**

AND AFTER A LIGHTNING-SWIFT CHANGE...

NO WONDER THE PROFESSOR WAS UP TIGHT! SOME OF THOSE SPACE ROCKS ARE THE SIZE OF LARGE BOULDERS! HOW CAN I BE **SURE** OF STOPPING **ALL** OF THEM?

BRROOOM

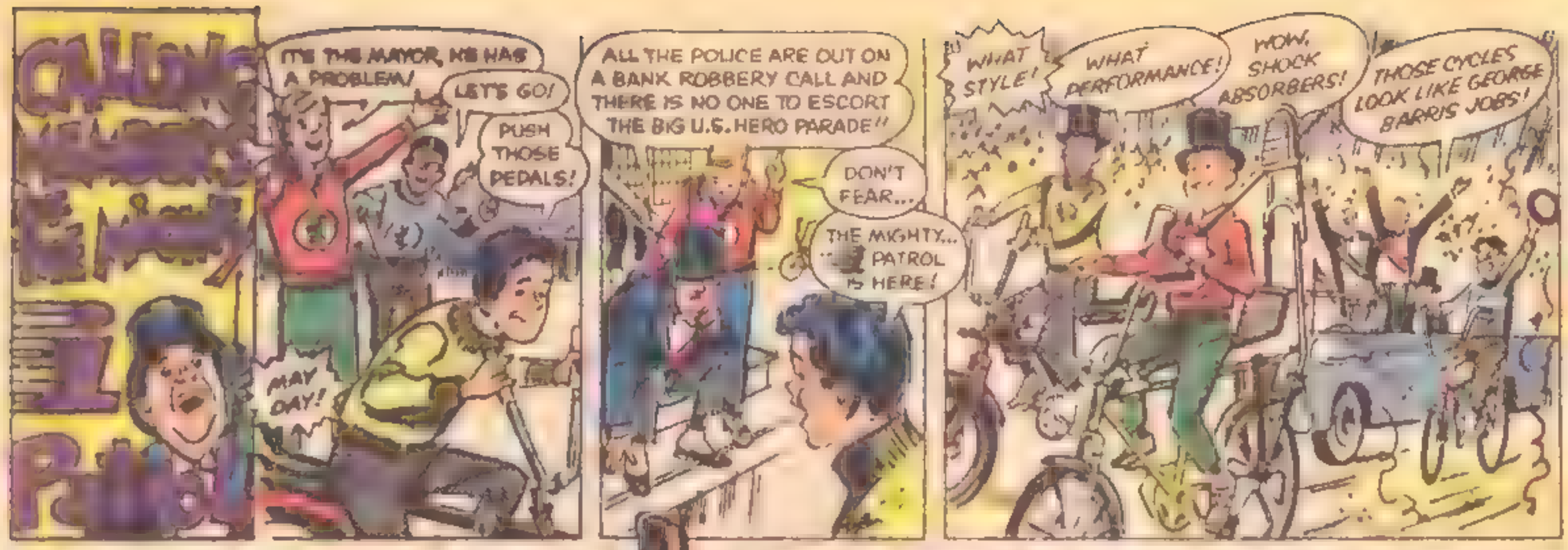
THAT DOES IT! WHAT'S LEFT OF THE ROCKS WILL BE CARRIED AWAY BY THE WIND AS TINY, SAND-LIKE PARTICLES!

I KNOW! A **SUPER-CLAP** WILL FILL THE AIR WITH VIOLENT SOUND VIBRATIONS, INTENSE ENOUGH TO CRUMBLE ALL THE METEORS AT ONCE!

MOMENTS LATER...

SUPERGIRL! THE DEAN WANTS TO SEE YOU *RIGHT AWAY!*

HE PROBABLY WANTS TO THANK ME FOR WIPING OUT THE METEOR MENACE!


IT'S THE MAYOR, HE HAS A PROBLEM!
LET'S GO!
PUSH THOSE PEDALS!
MAY DAY!
ALL THE POLICE ARE OUT ON A BANK ROBBERY CALL AND THERE IS NO ONE TO ESCORT THE BIG U.S. HERO PARADE!!
DON'T FEAR...
THE MIGHTY... PATROL IS HERE!
WHAT STYLE!
WHAT PERFORMANCE!
WOW, SHOCK ABSORBERS!
THOSE CYCLES LOOK LIKE GEORGE BARRIS JOBS!
FOILED AGAIN!
THANKS TO THE MIGHTY PATROL, IT WAS THE BEST PARADE EVER, EVEN THOUGH PARADE-HATER-HORACE TURNED IN A FALSE ALARM TO SPOIL THE PARADE!
WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT OUR IVERSONS.
I HATE PARADES
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WHAT GIVES? ALL I DID WAS TO BREAK UP A FLOCK OF METEORS!

NOT THAT! I MEAN THE OUT-LANDISH DISTURBANCE YESTERDAY ON THE COLLEGE GREEN! AND YOU TRIED TO BLAME IT ON THAT *RED REBEL* CHARACTER! REALLY!

YOU... YOU THINK *I* RIGGED THAT ROCKET-BALLOON SET-UP!?

IS THIS PROOF ENOUGH FOR YOU, *SUPERGIRL?* THESE ARE THE ROCKETS' METAL CASINGS! NOTICE THE FINGER MARKS GOUGED IN THE *SOLID STEEL!*

WHO ELSE AROUND HERE HAS THE STRENGTH TO DO *THIS?*

I DON'T KNOW! BUT I INTEND TO FIND OUT!

HMM... CAN THIS BE *TOPAR'S* WORK... TO PUT ME IN BAD WITH THE DEAN?

BUT SUPERGIRL'S THOUGHTS ARE INTERRUPTED BY DISTRESSED VOICES...

OUCH! WHERE ARE THESE THINGS COMING FROM?

THE AIR IS *FULL* OF THEM! *OW!*

STUDENTS SHOUTING -- IN *PAIN!* I'D BETTER TAKE A LOOK-SEE!

SUPERGIRL! YOU'RE *RESPONSIBLE* FOR THIS! *DO* SOMETHING!

THESE BLASTED THINGS *STING!*

GREAT MOONS! THE TINY PARTICLES LEFT FROM THE METEORS I SMASHED... SOMEHOW THEY'VE BECOME RED-HOT!

SUPERGIRL WASTES NO TIME IN ELIMINATING THE TINY ANNOYANCES...

MOVING AT SUPER-SPEED I CAN GATHER ALL THESE GLOWING CINDERS IN A MATTER OF SECONDS!

I'LL CHECK AND MAKE SURE THE REST OF THE CAMPUS IS FREE OF THEM!

ACCELERATING TO UNIMAGINABLE VELOCITY, THE GIRL OF MIGHT PLOWS DIRECTLY INTO THE MASS OF SMOULDERING CINDERS...

I'M FLYING THROUGH THE CLOUD SO FAST THAT IT WILL BE PULLED ALONG WITH ME BY THE TERRIFIC SUCTION OF AIR PRESSURE MY SPEED IS CREATING!

SPINNING SATELLITES! THE WHOLE CAMPUS IS COVERED BY A GIGANTIC CLOUD OF THE PARTICLES! BILLIONS OF THEM!

EXACTLY TWO SECONDS LATER, MANY MILES AWAY...

THERE'S NO ONE LIVING IN THIS DESOLATE AREA! THE CLOUD CAN'T SINGE ANYONE HERE!

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I DON'T GET IT! I CHECKED THE MINERAL COMPOSITION OF THOSE METEORS WITH MY SUPER-VISION WHEN I SMASHED THEM--AND THEY WEREN'T EVEN **WARM!** WHAT COULD HAVE HEATED THEM UP?

AS THE **STANHOPE SENSATION** RETURNS TO THE CAMPUS...

YOU SURE MADE THINGS **HOT** FOR US, **SUPER-CHICK!** LAYING THAT SIZZLING "FALLOUT" ON US MUST HAVE GIVEN YOU A GOOD CHUCKLE!

COOL IT! WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE BEEN SQUASHED BY A KING-SIZE METEOR?

IF **SUPERMAN** HAD DONE THE JOB, YOU CAN BET HE'D HAVE GOT RID OF THE METEORS **SAFELY!**

THE DEAN ALREADY THINKS I'M A **SUPER-DELINQUENT!** AND NOW THE STUDENTS FIGURE I'M A FIRST-CLASS **SUPER-DUNCE!**

TOPAR MUST BE BEHIND THIS! AND IF HE THINKS IT'S GETTING TO ME--**HE'S RIGHT!**

A FEW MORNINGS LATER, THE CAMPUS CROWD LOOKS UP TO SEE A COLORFULLY CLAD DYNAMIC FIGURE...

THERE'S **SUPERGIRL!**

BUT WHAT'S THAT IN HER HAND?

ATTACK OF THE SUPERGIRL OF ZORAN FOR ZORA

SKYWRITING! BUT WHAT'S THE PERFORMANCE SHE HAS IN MIND?

HANG ON, PAL! WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT!

I DON'T DIG THIS CRAZY SCENE!

SUPERGIRL'S DOING THE DIGGING... AND BREAKING OPEN THE WATER PIPES!

THE FEROCIOUS FEMALE THEN EXPELS A DEVASTATING BLAST OF SUPER-COLD BREATH, FREEZING THE GUSHING WATER...

LOOK OUT! SHE'S THROWING THOSE GIANT ICICLES THIS WAY!

THEY'LL WRECK THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING!

BUT A SPLIT-SECOND BEFORE THE MASSIVE MISSILES OF ICE HIT THEIR TARGET...

SUPERGIRL USED HER HEAT VISION TO *MELT* THE ICICLES... JUST IN TIME!

>GLUB!< AND *WE'RE* GETTING *SOAKED!*

LOOK AT HER--*SMILING!* SHE THINKS THIS HAS BEEN *VERY FUNNY!*

IF YOU ASK ME, SHE'S BLOWN HER MIND! SHE BELONGS IN THE LOONEY BIN!

BUT THERE IS ONE STUDENT WATCHING WHO WOULD DISAGREE...

SINCE I AM *SUPERGIRL*, THAT'S AN *IMPOSTOR*... BUT A SUPER-POWERED ONE WHO'S MADE ME LOOK LIKE A *LUNATIC!*

I'LL JUST HAVE TO UNMASK THAT PHONEY!

ER..., I HAVE TO SPLIT, NICK--OR MY *HEAD* WILL! I'D BETTER TAKE SOME ASPIRIN AND LIE DOWN!

OKAY, LINDA! I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO DO, ANYWAY! SEE YOU LATER!

ONCE OUT OF SIGHT, THE *MAID OF MIGHT* SWITCHES GARB AND TAKES OFF IN AN INSTANT--AND THE CHASE IS ON...

AHA! MY X-RAY VISION SHOWS ME *WHO* THAT REALLY IS!

STOP, ROBOT G-9! WHAT CAUSED YOU TO PULL THOSE FANTASTIC STUNTS?

YOU'RE ONE OF THE SUPERGIRL ROBOTS I KEEP AT SUPERMAN'S ARCTIC FORTRESS! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO OBEY ME! INSTEAD, YOU GO INTO A REGULAR BERSERK ACT! WHY?

THOSE WERE MY ORDERS...

...THE ORDERS YOU GAVE ME!

WH-WHAT? BUT I DIDN'T GIVE ANY SUCH ORDERS! I'D NEVER DO SUCH A THING!

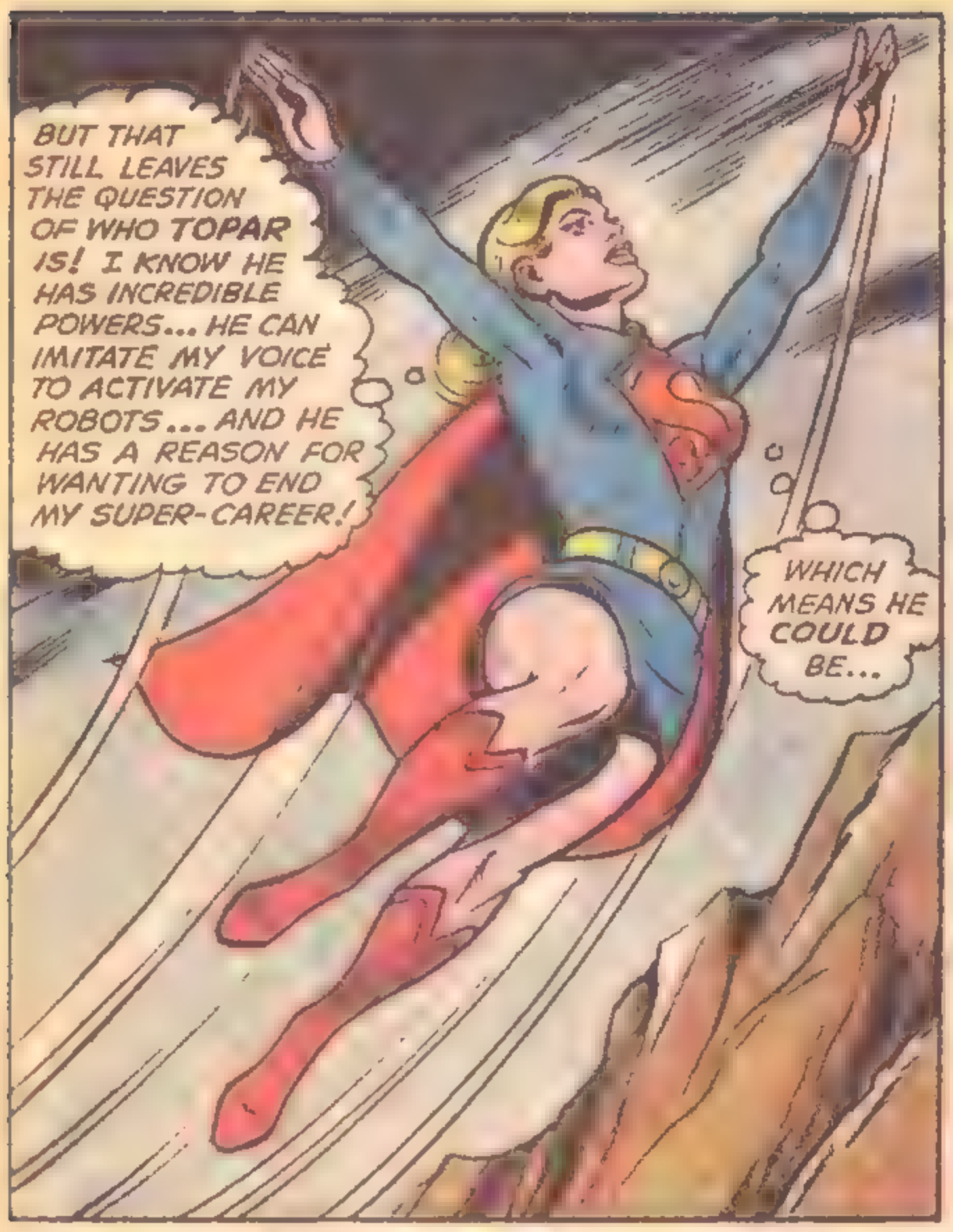
THE ORDERS WERE GIVEN BY SUPER-VENTRILOQUISM... IN YOUR VOICE! I AM NOT PROGRAMMED TO RESPOND TO ANY OTHER VOCAL PATTERN!

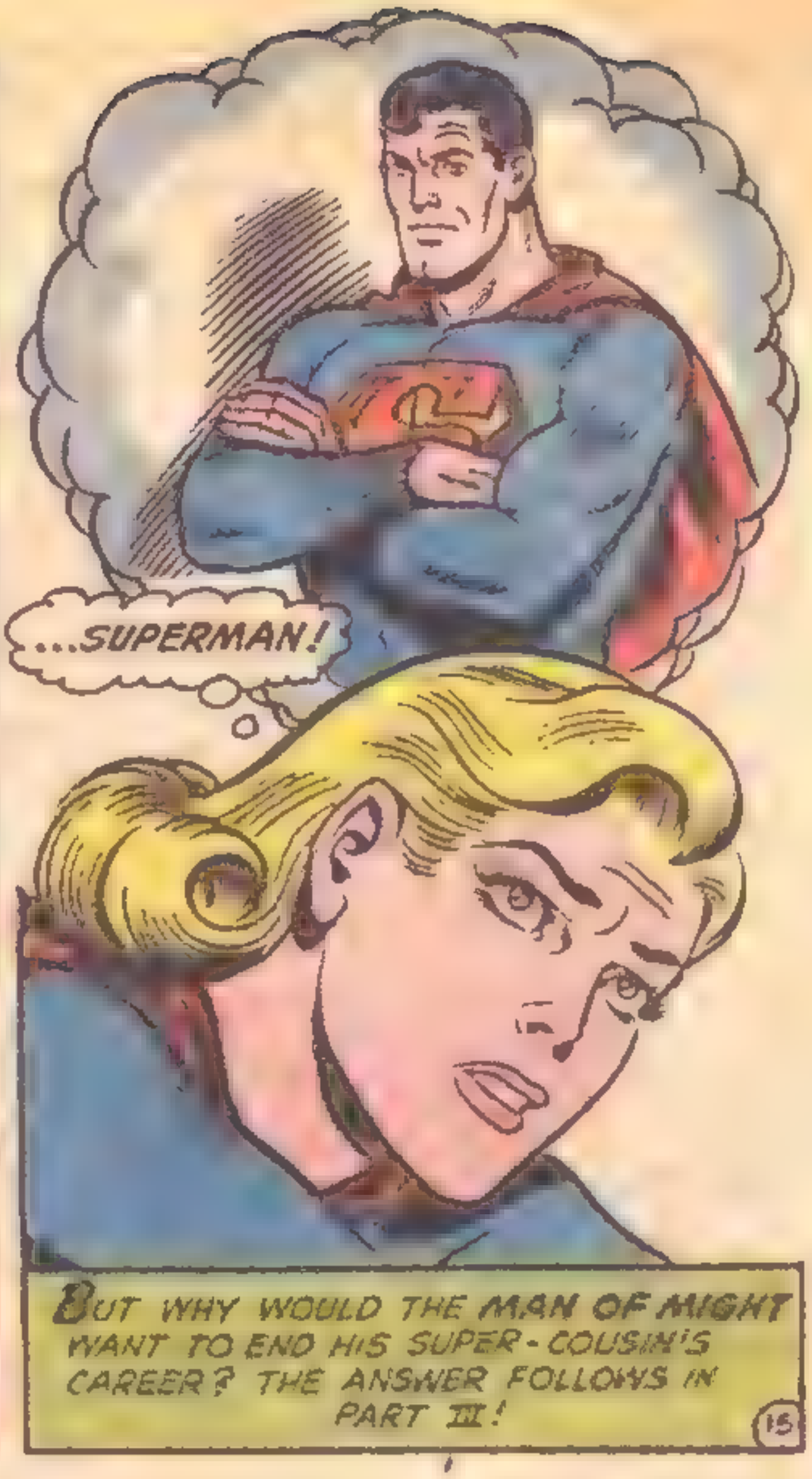
IT'S TRUE... THE ROBOT COULDN'T OBEY ANYONE ELSE!

RETURN TO THE FORTRESS, G-9!

AM I CRACKING UP? DID I PLANT THOSE ROCKETS... HEAT UP THE 2 METEOR FRAGMENTS... AND ORDER G-9 TO WRECK THE PIPES? THE EVIDENCE IS ALL AGAINST ME... BUT I CAN'T REMEMBER DOING ANY OF THOSE THINGS!

HOLD ON! TOPAR MANIPULATED MY LINDA ROBOT! PERHAPS HE USED HIS WEIRD POWERS TO ACTIVATE THAT SUPERGIRL ROBOT, TOO! HE COULD HAVE FRAMED ME FOR THOSE OTHER PRANKS, AS WELL!


BUT THAT STILL LEAVES THE QUESTION OF WHO TOPAR IS! I KNOW HE HAS INCREDIBLE POWERS... HE CAN IMITATE MY VOICE TO ACTIVATE MY ROBOTS... AND HE HAS A REASON FOR WANTING TO END MY SUPER-CAREER!
WHICH MEANS HE COULD BE...



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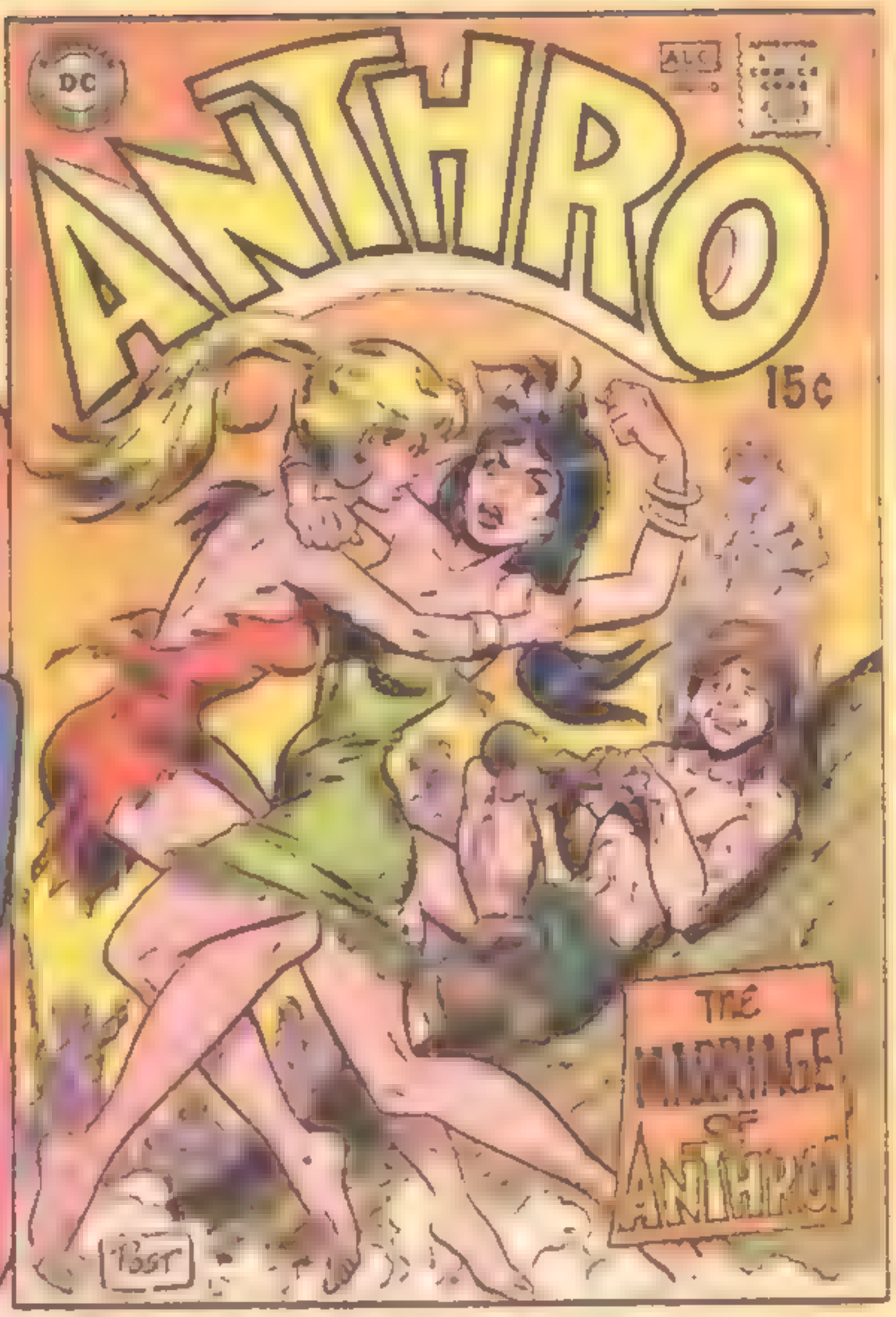

HAPPINESS WAS WHAT THE STRANGER OFFERED THE WORLD...BUT ALL HE BROUGHT IT WAS... TRAGEDY!

PART III

"UNMASKING the MYSTERY MEN!"

TOPAR IS TOO SMALL TO BE SUPERMAN... BUT HE COULD BE A ROBOT OR ANDROID! SINCE OUR LAST MISSION TOGETHER, SUPERMAN MAY DOUBT MY ABILITY TO USE MY POWERS WISELY... AND, FRANKLY, I CAN'T BLAME HIM!

"WE WERE AFTER VULINEC, A SUPER-SCIENTIFIC CROOK WHO'D ESCAPED IN A JET AFTER A MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR BANK HEIST..."

LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T HAVE TO PULL HIM OUT OF THE SKY, SUPERGIRL! VULINEC'S AIRCRAFT SEEMS TO HAVE RUN OUT OF FUEL!

WE CAN WRAP THIS CASE UP IN A JIFFY, THEN!

"WE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF VULINEC'S DANGEROUS EXPERIMENTS WITH WEIRD METAL ALLOYS, SO I SHOULD HAVE BEEN ON MY GUARD..."

HE DOESN'T ACT AFRAID OF US--HE JUST STANDS THERE, WAITING!

AND HE HAS SOME KIND OF SHIELD ON HIS ARM! I WONDER...

I'LL MOVE IN FIRST--AND YOU BACK ME UP! OKAY?

CHECK! BUT WATCH HIM... HE'S TRICKY!

ONE GOOD, SOLID DOSE OF HEAT VISION WILL MAKE HIS SHIELD SO HOT HE'LL DROP IT! THEN WE CAN DELIVER HIM TO JAIL!

"BUT MY TACTIC BACKFIRED..."

SUPERGIRL -- TURN IT OFF! THE SHIELD IS REFLECTING YOUR SUPER-HEAT-BEAMS BACK AT ME -- AND THEY'VE BEEN INTENSIFIED!

I'M BURNING UP!

GREAT MOONS! WHAT HAVE I DONE?

HA, HA, HA!

"I QUICKLY CHANGED MY METHOD OF ATTACK -- BUT THE DAMAGE HAD ALREADY BEEN DONE..."

OKAY...YOU NABBED ME -- BUT AT LEAST I HAD THE SATISFACTION OF SEEING MY **WONDER-METAL** DO ITS STUFF!

LOOK AT HIM! **SUPERMAN** STILL HASN'T RECOVERED! HA, HA!

WE TURNED **VULINEC** OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES. AND FORTUNATELY, **SUPERMAN** RECOVERED FROM THAT POWERFUL DOSE OF MAGNIFIED **HEAT VISION** -- BUT HE WAS PRETTY ANGRY AT ME! HE EVEN TOLD ME HE'D BOOBY-TRAP THE KEY OF HIS **FORTRESS**, TO KEEP **ME OUT!**

I COULD FLY TO **METROPOLIS** AND LET **SUPERMAN** KNOW I'M ONTO THE **TOPAR** BIT!

BUT NO -- THERE'S **ONE OTHER** POSSIBLE EXPLANATION! TO MAKE SURE I CATCH **TOPAR**, I'LL HAVE TO SET A **DOUBLE TRAP!**

BUT SECONDS LATER, AT STANHOPE...

THE **RED REBEL!** AT LAST I'LL MEET HIM... FACE TO FACE! LOOKS LIKE THAT HOODED HOODLUM IS UP TO MORE MISCHIEF!

SUPERGIRL! STAY BACK!

I SEE YOU WERE SMART ENOUGH TO WEAR A **LEAD-LINED** MASK, SO MY X-RAY VISION COULDN'T PENETRATE IT!

...BUT THAT WON'T HELP YOU NOW!

GREAT SIZZLING SUNS! IT'S **NICK!**

MUSTN'T LET ON THAT I KNOW HIM SO WELL!

I RECOGNIZE YOUR FACE--YOU'RE A STUDENT HERE AT **STANHOPE!** WHY THESE WILD, COSTUMED CAPERS?

IN A WAY... I WAS DOING MY **HOMEWORK!**

FOR MY SOCIOLOGY THESIS, I'M STUDYING THE EFFECTS OF **VANDALISM** ON THE INNOCENT STUDENTS OF AN INSTITUTION!

I COULDN'T PERFORM THE SAMPLE STUNTS FOR MY RESEARCH AS NICK GRAY... SO I CREATED THE **RED REBEL** CHARACTER!

THAT'S A PRETTY WEIRD WAY TO DO YOUR RESEARCH... AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ANSWER TO THE DEAN FOR IT!

BUT I'LL PUT IN A GOOD WORD FOR YOU, IF YOU'LL DO ME A **SMALL FAVOR!**

SURE, **SUPERGIRL!** ANYTHING!

YOU AND I ARE GOING TO STAGE A LITTLE SHOW FOR A CERTAIN CHARACTER! IT WILL BE THE **RED REBEL'S FAREWELL APPEARANCE!**

OKAY! FILL ME IN ON THE DETAILS!

SOON...

BUT LOOK! SUPERGIRL IS--HELPING HIM!

THE RED REBEL'S BACK!

SHE HAS FLIPPED HER TOP!

I'VE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU A DEMONSTRATION OF THE PROBLEM OF AIR POLLUTION... WITH HELP FROM MY NEW PARTNER... SUPERGIRL!

AND NEARBY...

THAT'S IT, SUPERGIRL--DISTRIBUTE MY POLLUTION SO THERE'S ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE!

COUGH COUGH THAT GAS IS STIFLING!

LET'S MOVE OUT TILL THE AIR CLEARS!

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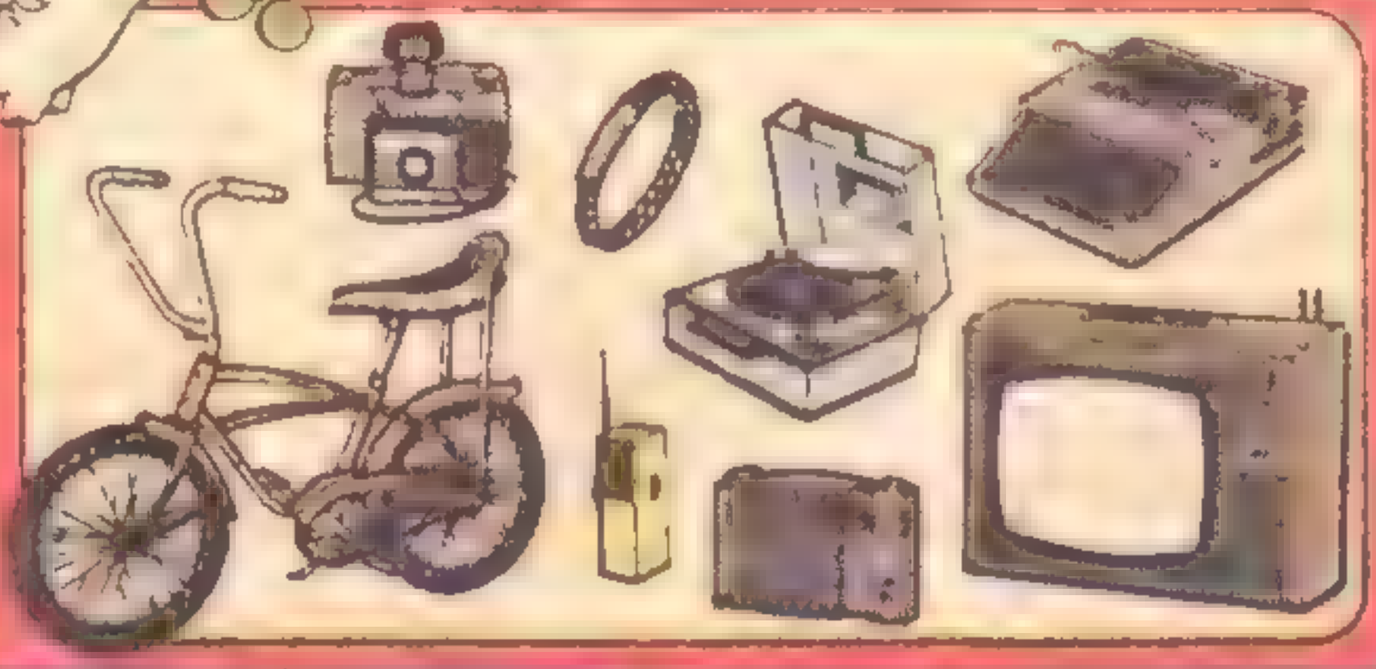

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"BUT THE END CAME TOO SOON. **JOR-EL** SENT HIS SON TO EARTH IN A MODEL ROCKET MOMENTS BEFORE **KRYPTON** BLEW UP..."

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I MUST FIND **KAL-EL** AND EDUCATE HIM! THAT'S WHAT I WAS BUILT FOR! HE'LL BE ON EARTH, WHEREVER THAT IS!

"WHEN I FINALLY REACHED EARTH, I FOUND **KAL-EL** HAD GROWN UP TO BE **SUPERBOY**. I EXPLAINED MY MISSION TO HIM..."

BUT I'VE ALREADY LEARNED TO USE MY SUPER-POWERS!

NONSENSE! I WILL TEACH YOU, JUST AS YOUR FATHER PLANNED! AND IF YOU FAIL MY COURSE, YOU MUST NEVER USE YOUR SUPER-POWERS AGAIN!

"ONE BY ONE, I TESTED THE WAY HE USED HIS POWERS..."

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"HE PASSED EASILY... AND, MY WORK DONE, I LEFT EARTH..."*

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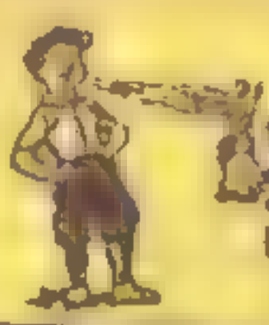

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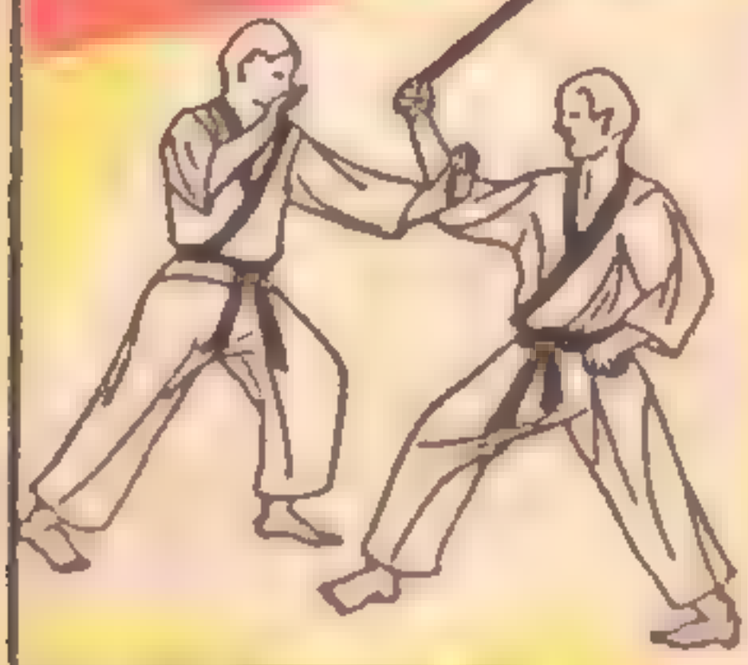

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THESE CROOKS NEVER LEARN, **SUPERGIRL!**

YOU'D THINK THEY'D GET IT THROUGH THEIR SKULLS THAT BULLETS CAN'T HURT US, COUSIN!

COUSIN? IMPOSSIBLE! SHE'S TOO YOUNG TO HAVE COME FROM **KRYPTON!**

"BUT I SOON LEARNED THAT YOU WERE **KARA**, FROM **ARGO CITY**, WHICH SURVIVED **KRYPTON'S** DESTRUCTION UNDER A PLASTIC DOME... AND THAT YOU HAD BEEN SENT TO EARTH WHEN **KRYPTONITE** DOOMED THE CITY..."

I SEE... YOU DECIDED TO GIVE **ME** A "TEST"... LIKE THE TESTS YOU GAVE **SUPERBOY!**

NOT QUITE! YOU HAD **BEEN TAUGHT** BY **SUPERMAN**... MY **BEST PUPIL!**

BUT I HAD NEVER SEEN A **FEMALE** WITH SUPER-POWERS BEFORE! I WAS NOT **PROGRAMMED** TO ACCEPT THE IDEA THAT A GIRL COULD USE SUCH ABILITIES PROPERLY!

SO I SET OUT TO **PROVE** YOU WERE EMOTIONALLY INCAPABLE OF PERFORMING SUPER-DEEDS CORRECTLY... BY **MAKING YOU DOUBT** YOUR OWN COMPETENCE!

I DISGUISED MYSELF AND USED MY NEW POWERS TO CONCEAL MY TRUE ORIGIN... AND I CHOSE A TIME WHEN YOU HAD COMMITTED AN ERROR: I WAS ***SURE*** YOU'D ***CRACK!***

THAT'S WHY THE ***REBEL*** AND I PUT ON OUR ACT... TO MAKE YOU THINK YOU'D ***SUCCEEDED!***

YES... THAT DREW ME HERE, WHERE YOU HAD YOUR TRAPS LAID! YOU ***BEAT*** ME... AND PROVED YOUR WORTH AS A SUPER-BEING!

I WILL NEVER DOUBT YOU AGAIN... AND I'M SURE ***SUPERMAN*** DOESN'T, EITHER! ***GOODBYE!***

SO LONG!... BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW THE WAY ***SUPERMAN*** FEELS?

YET ONLY SECONDS AFTER THE AUTOMATED WONDER HAS DEPARTED...

HERE COMES ***SUPERMAN*** NOW! THE ***ROBOT TEACHER*** MUST HAVE USED HIS SUPER-SENSES TO SEE MY COUSIN WAS ON HIS WAY!

AND TRUE TO THE ROBOT'S PREDICTION...

THANKS!

I APOLOGIZE FOR BEING SO MIFFED WITH YOU, ***KARA!*** EVEN A SUPER-BEING CAN MAKE MISTAKES! IT'S ***LEARNING*** FROM THEM THAT'S IMPORTANT! YOU'RE STILL WELCOME AT MY ***FORTRESS!***

NOW I'LL HAVE TO TALK TO THE DEAN AND CLEAR MYSELF OF THOSE VANDALISM CHARGES!

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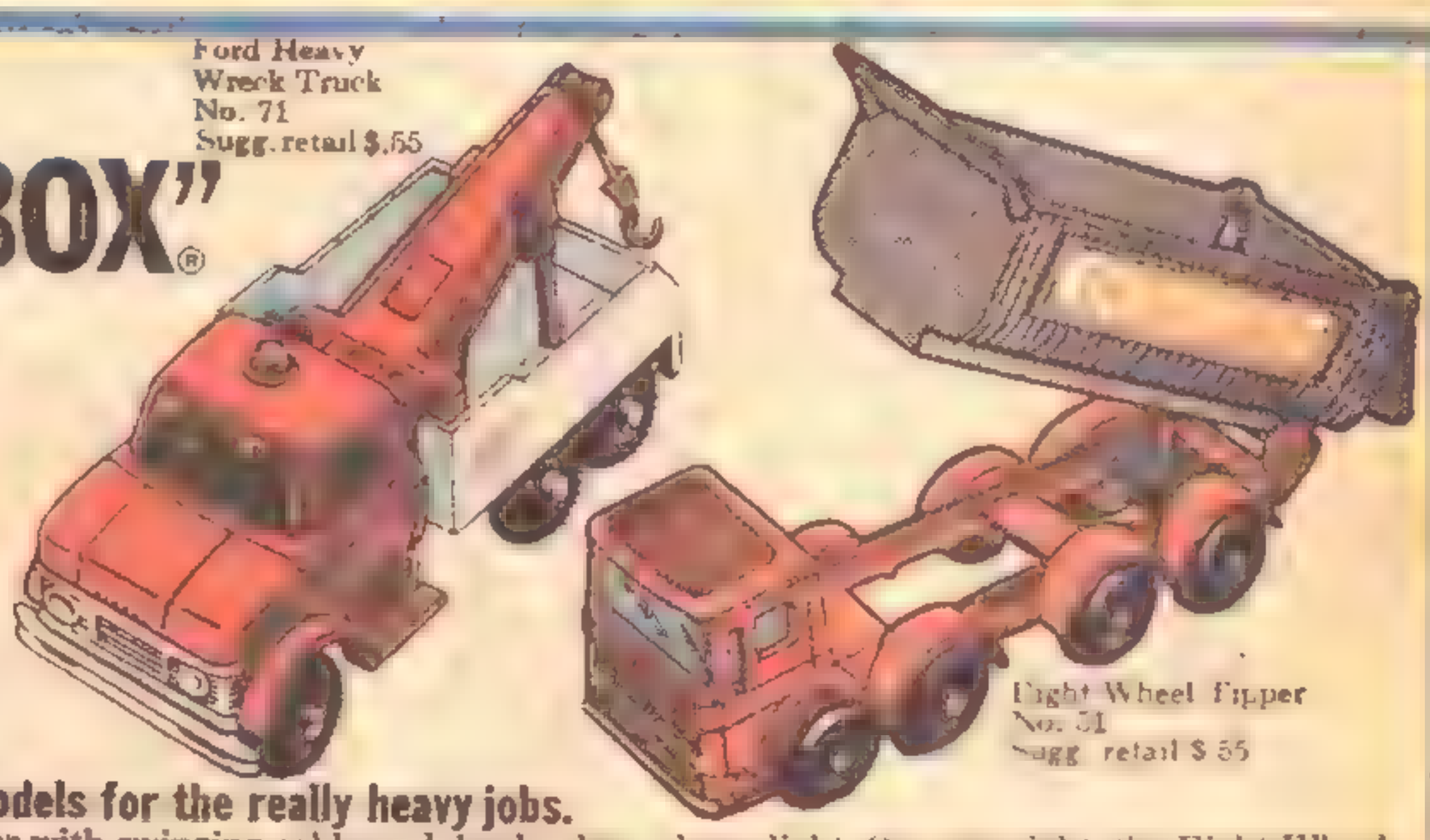

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Dear Editor:

In ACTION 374, you show Supergirl killing a butterfly. Yet in SUPERBOY 127, the Boy of Steel would not kill a butterfly because it was against his code. Please explain.

—Charles Fash, Moorestown, N.J.

(Superboy just took his code a little too seriously. But if we kept up that kind of thinking, and Supergirl accidentally broke a clock, she'd be accused of "killing time"—even if she could prove that the clock struck first.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Whatever happened to Dick Malverne? Isn't he still Linda's boy friend? And how about Lena Thorul, Lex Luthor's sister? We haven't seen hide or hair of her since she married F.B.I. man Jeff Colby, in ACTION 317. Is her marriage happy? Did she have children?

—Tommy Picurro, Jersy City, N.J.

(Dick still sees Linda from time to time, but not as often as he used to, because they go to different colleges. And we'll try to fill you in on Lena in the near future. Say—suppose she had a son who took after his Uncle Lex?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "No Mercy for Supergirl," there were only two panels in which the Girl of Steel's eyes were blue. Everywhere else they were black or colorless. I'd think you'd be glad to show her baby blues. And her hairdo, both as Supergirl and as Linda Danvers, is atrocious. I think you should leave a few curls on her temples and let the rest go long and straight. Have Superman call her Kara, since it's her real name. Also, cut out her frowns and snarls. She's prettier without them.

—Donnie Marie Skippy Lindquist

(You seem to have plenty of advice. Are you bucking for the job of Art Director in our establishment? —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In ACTION No. 331, Supergirl defeated Dr. Supernatural. But this left his rivals, the Circle of Evil, still ruling Gotha. I think it would be interesting for Supergirl to join up with the Justice League or the Legion of Super-Heroes to crush these villains.

—M.K. Tomashevsky, Rochester, N.Y.

(Personally, we think it would be more fun to see our Blonde Blockbuster tackle the Circle alone. Yes, we know she loses her powers in that other dimensional universe; but wouldn't it be more interesting to have her solve this problem on her own, instead of bringing in Green Lantern or Element Lad to do the job for her?—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

What member of the Legion of Super-Heroes will Supergirl marry?

—Alex Fedyk, Vancouver, B.C., Canada

(What makes you so sure she'll marry a Legionnaire? She has plenty of other boy friends. But of the Super-Heroes, the one with eyes for the Maid of Might is Brainiac 5.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

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—Nicole Allen, Sioux Falls, S.D.

(We sure will. In fact, the next GIANT JIMMY OLSEN, out soon, will feature Jimmy's girl friends. For Supergirl fans we want to add that one story co-stars her Supercat, Streaky.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

On the cover of the GIANT SUPERGIRL, where it showed the Legion of Super-Heroes, Sun Boy wasn't wearing his gloves. Why?

—Norman Davis, Winston-Salem, N.C.

(It's embarrassing to have to tell you this, but when he posed for that picture, Sun Boy couldn't wear gloves—because his hands were SUNBURNED!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

At the end of "Supergirl's Farewell to Earth," in your recent GIANT, Superman says, "Is my face red!" But his face isn't red—it's normal flesh color. Have I actually caught the Man of Steel in a lie?

—Mark Lewis, Coral Gable, Fla.

(Not an intentional one. How was he to know what his face looked like? He has some remarkable super-vision powers, but he can't look himself in the face without a mirror!—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

In "No Mercy for Supergirl," I would have thought the Avenger would have been forewarned about the trick Supergirl pulled on him. After all, he had four arms, and anyone knows that forewarned is four-armed.

—David Gaines, Yuma, Ariz.

(At least we have the consolation of knowing it was a reader who pulled that awful pun—not us!—Ed.)

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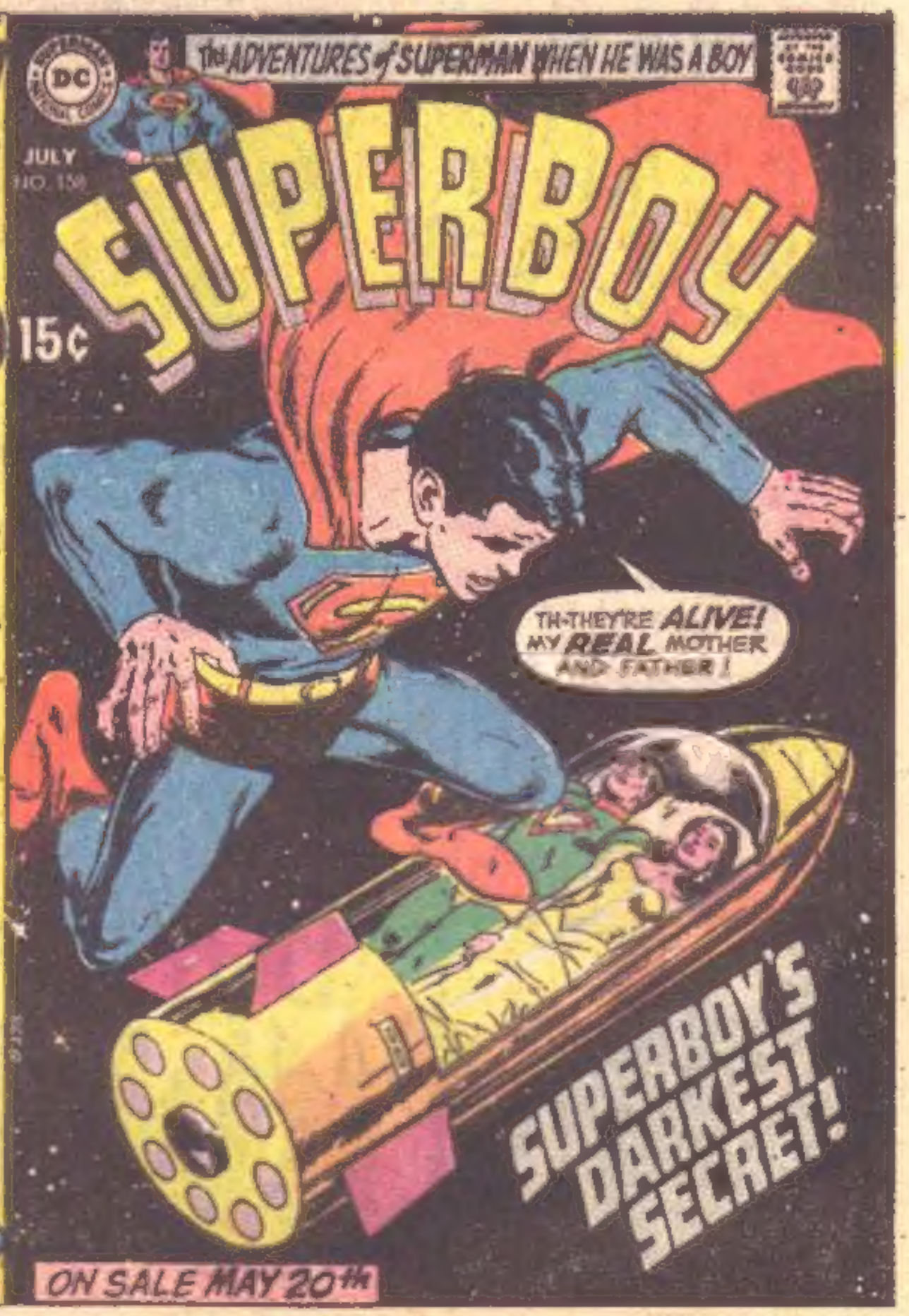

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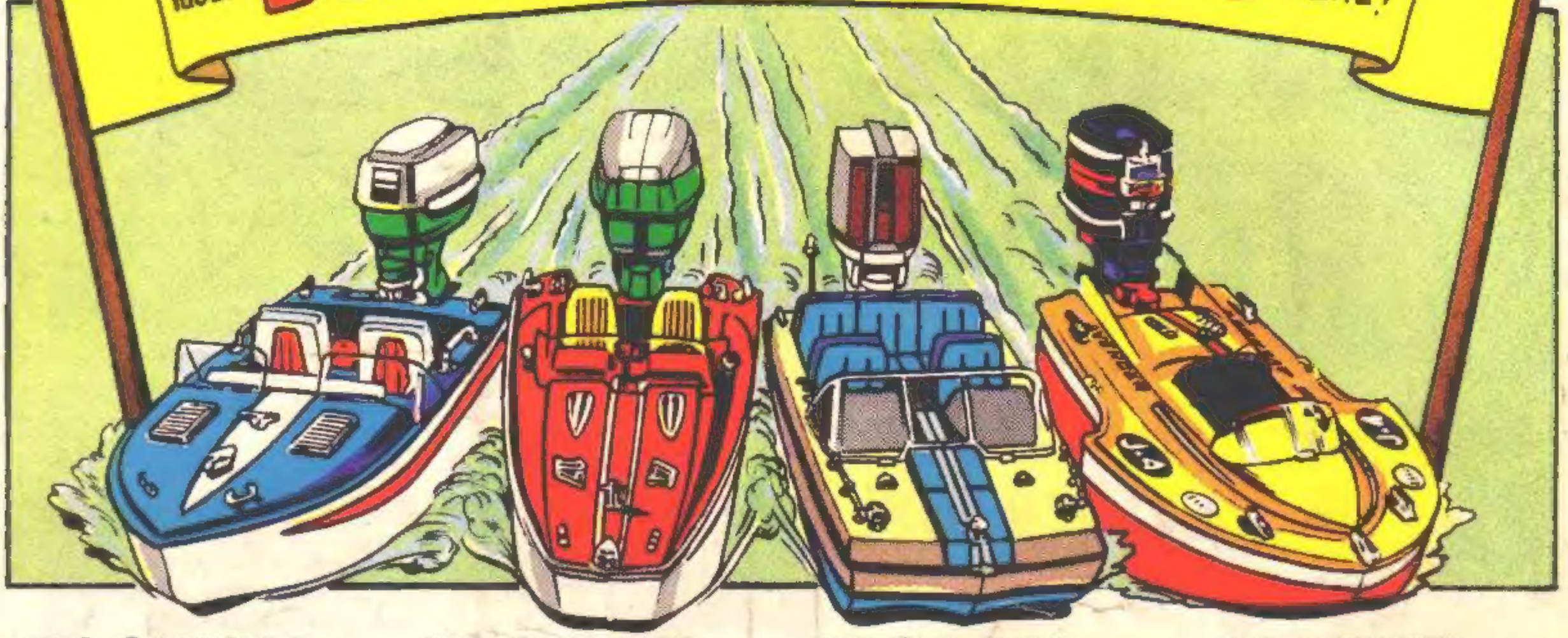

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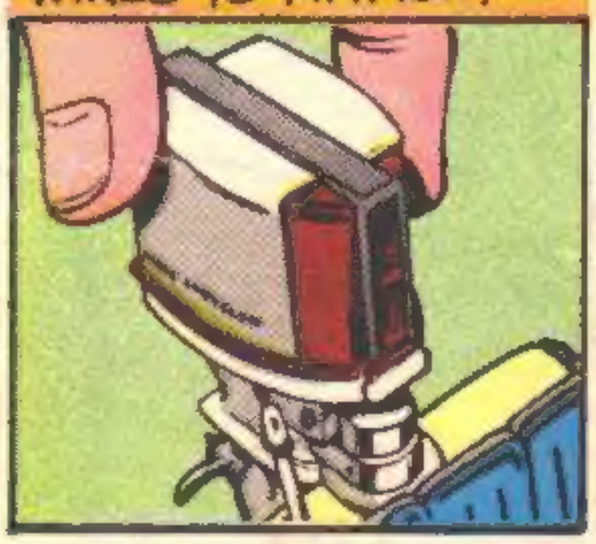
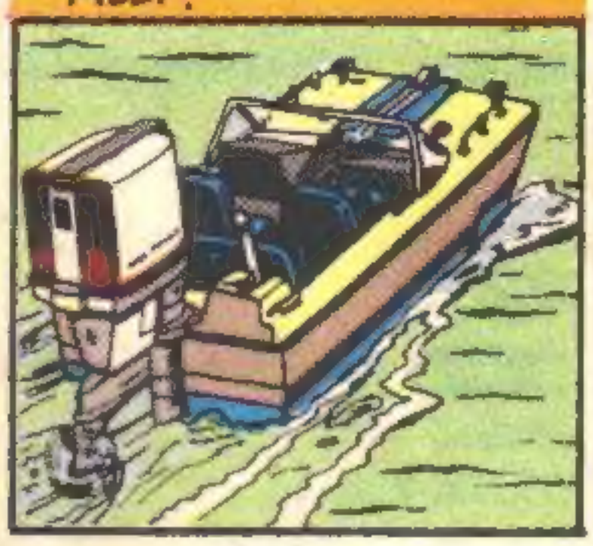
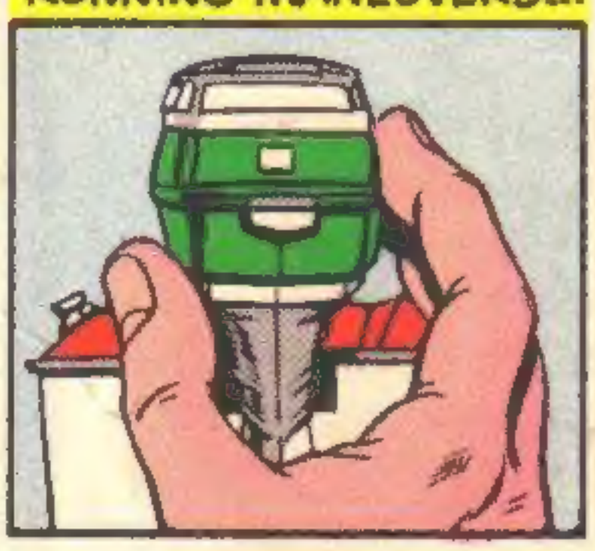


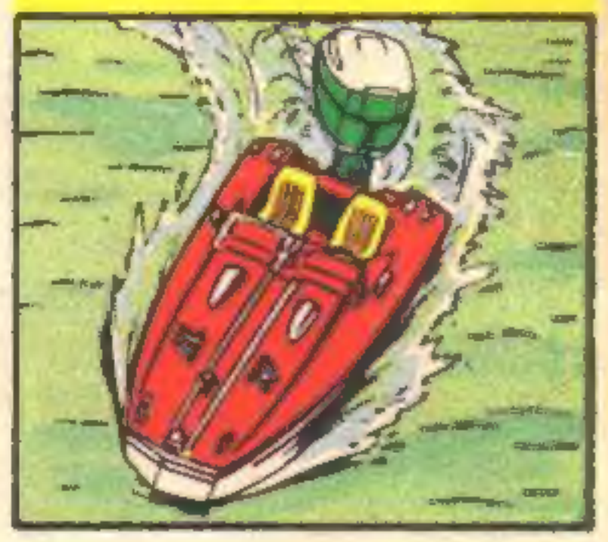
TILT DOWN... AND IT KICKS OFF AUTOMATICALLY!



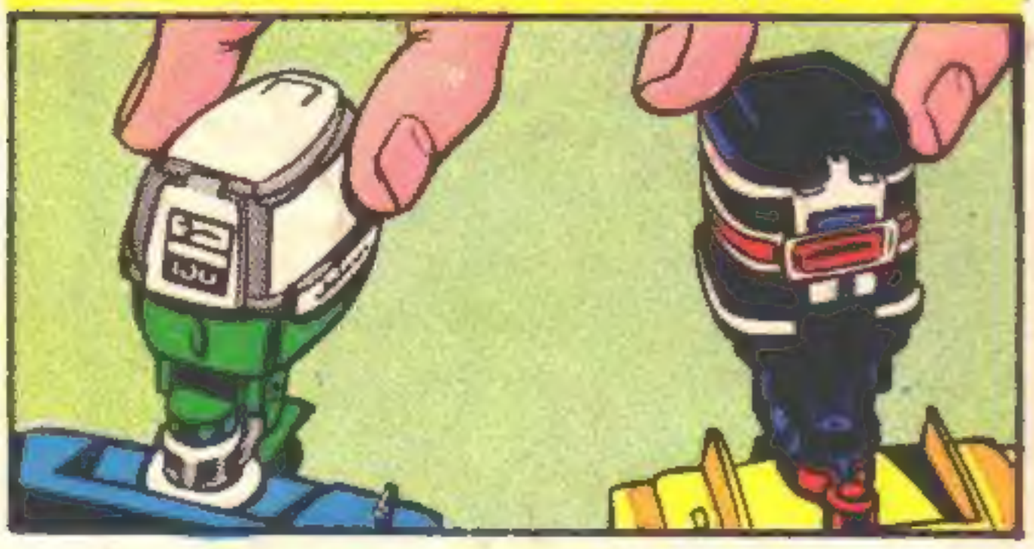
SET THE RENEGADE'S EVINRUDE MOTOR FOR RUNNING MANEUVERS...



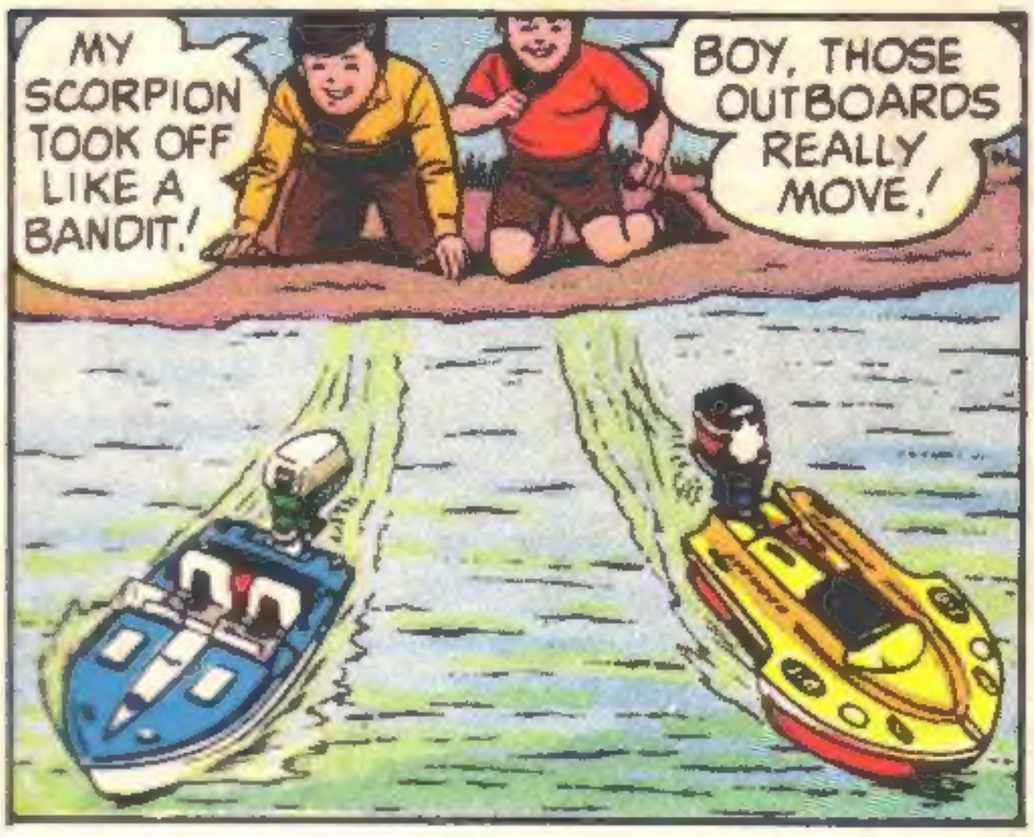
OR SET IT FOR TIGHT TURNS!



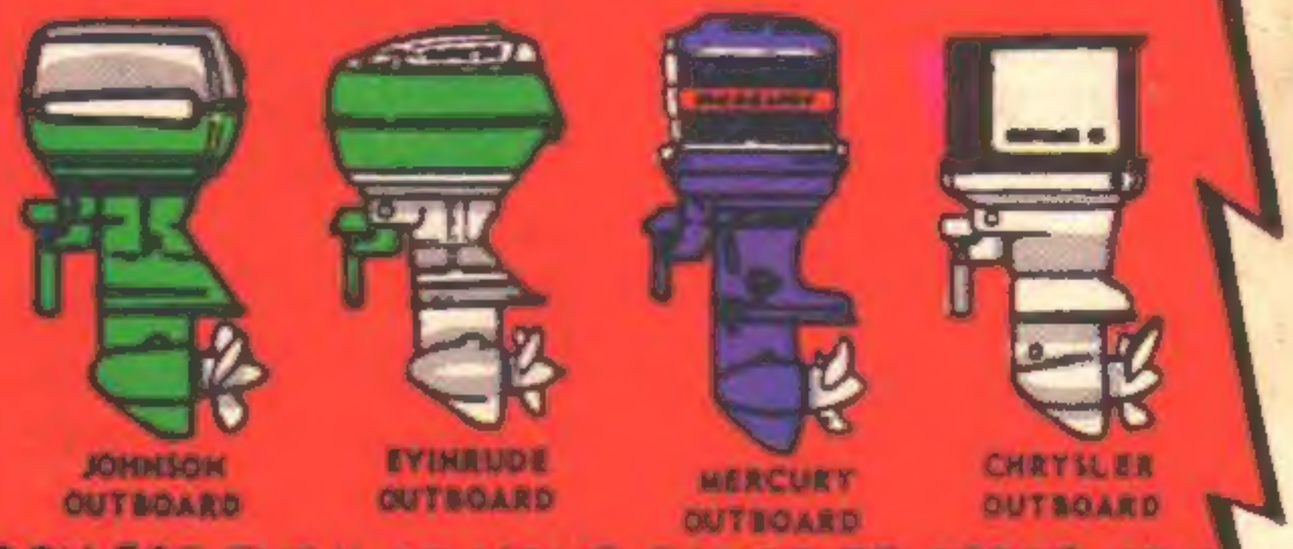
TILT JOHNSON & MERCURY MOTORS TO GO!



AND IT'S BYE BYE BABY IN A RACE WITH NO HOLDS BARRED!



GET THE HOT NEW OUTBOARDS FROM BOATERIFIC. EACH COMES WITH A SIZZLING COMPETITION MOTOR... GET ALL FOUR MOTORS... THEY'RE SOLD SEPARATELY, TOO!



LOOK FOR THEM AT YOUR FAVORITE STORE NOW.

BOATERIFIC... IT'S TERRIFIC... IT'S IDEAL